

MEETING SUMMARY

of the Pompey Supporters' Trust Board Meeting on Monday, 25th July 2016 at 6.30pm
held at Pompey Study Centre, Anson Road, Portsmouth



Board Members present: Ashley Brown (AB), Eric Coleborn (EC), Simon Colebrook (SC), Scott McLachlan (SMc), Bradley Saunders (BS), Mike Saunders (MS), Mark Trapani (MT), Pam Wilkins (PW)

Officers present: Secretary Mark Farwell (MF), Assistant Secretary/Legal Advisor Jo Collins (JC), Membership Secretary Steve Hatton (SH)

1. Welcome by the Chair

AB welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

Board Members: Johnny Ertl (JE), John Kimbell (JK), Clare Martin (CM); Officers: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2016 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- MF will inform the Board Members on the specific information required to complete the 5 year strategic plan in time for the AGM
- MT gave an overview of his paper on developing a sustainable academy. He is meeting with Academy heads at other clubs to see how they fund their Academies and will prepare a proposal for the board.
- Various other actions carried out were discussed under other items of business in the meeting

Interlude - Presentation from Brilens

Brilens presented samples of the merchandise that is proposed to for part of the new merchandising agreement between the PST and them. The Board then discussed the proposal and it was agreed to proceed subject to finalisation of contract and due diligence. It was also agreed to donate all proceeds from this income stream to the Academy.

5. Correspondence – significant items

- Neil le Melliere has confirmed his assistance in the PST election

6. Society Board Elections

A calling notice has been issued for the election. The timing and content of the election process was discussed and it was agreed that a hustings event prior to the opening of the ballot is an important part of the process. Since the PST diary already has one scheduled for 1st August, this will be used if the number of candidates is more than the 3 spaces.

7. PST Strategic Plan 2016-17

i. Future Investment Model

SC had previously circulated an update on the options for the process of collecting funds for a community share issue. Two potential partners to help with the process of collection of share monies and identity checks have been identified. SC will continue discussions with them.

ii. Stadium Development

MS gave an update on various areas of the stadium that have been worked on during the summer.

The long term stadium group have circulated their report to the Board. This will be submitted to the Club in due course.

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iii. **Academy**

Already discussed.

iv. **Youth support**

BS/SM to meet with Youth Group for new season start and establish new priorities.

v. **Community**

Not discussed in CM's absence

vi. **Membership**

Not discussed in JE's absence

8. Other Reports

i. **Communications and Marketing (JK/SM)**

JK's report was read out.

The corner flags at Fratton Park will now carry the PST logo

The PST will pay £500 toward the cost of a new Nelson costume, rather than sponsor the Manager

Junior Blues will relaunch imminently

The PST club directors have raised the recent press reports regarding Sports Direct at PCFC board meetings.

The PST shareholders event was discussed and the arrangements are in hand

ii. **Membership (SH)**

There are 3873 members. SH provided a report of recent communications and open rates on emails.

Over the course of the previous year the Trust has received a great deal of support from Snows BMW in providing postage franking without reimbursement.

iii. **Presidents' Advisory Board**

The Board approved the areas of agreement with the Presidents on the matters of club heritage and operation that should be safeguarded for future generations. SC/EC will take this forward to the Presidents' Advisory Board meeting to discuss how to enact this into something tangible.

iv. **PST Secretary's report (MF)**

Responses on two motions from the 2015 AGM need to be prepared for this year's AGM.

FCA annual report is in progress and their fees are due soon.

v. **Treasurer's report (SC)**

The draft financial statements for the year 2015-16 are complete and will be sent to the auditors.

A draft budget for 2016-17 has been prepared but will require updating when costs of the various activities linked to a new share issue are known.

vi. **Next Generations (BS)**

A report has been sent to the Club on increasing youth support. Increased contact with the University will be one area of focus.

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9. Voting on reserved matter

The Board considered the draft policies on when and how to consult the membership on matters relating to the PCFC shares. After some debate it was decided that a policy will be put to the members as follows:

- Any vote that is going to be cast by the PST at a PCFC shareholder meeting on specific matters of the club, such as the colours, crest or stadium will be decided by a vote of all paid up members of the Trust. A simple majority of the members voting will decide how the PST Board will cast its vote in a PCFC shareholder meeting.
- If the Board were to receive an offer to buy the PCFC shares, then the Community Shareholders only will vote on whether to accept the offer.

The second restricted element of the policy was felt important as it is fairer that the people that paid for the shares in the club should decide on when or if they are ever sold. This will be the only time that a vote is restricted to a sub-group of members.

The policy will be finalised and put to the members at the AGM for approval.

10. PCFC report

Mark T gave an update on the last PCFC board meeting, covering player movements and season ticket sales.

11. AOB

- The kit launch showing members of the wider Pompey community teams was thoroughly appreciated
- Discussions have commenced with FSF regarding a Disability/Inclusivity Day
- The club's response to the EFL trophy was discussed